

circumstances surrounding the action. First, the entity must make an applicability determination. If the net total direct and indirect emissions do not exceed de minimis levels established in the regulations or if the action meets certain criteria for an exemption, a conformity determination is not required. Actions requiring conformity determinations vary from straightforward, requiring minimal information, to complex, requiring significant amounts of information. The Federal entity must determine the type and quantity of information on a case-by-case basis. State and local air pollution control agencies are usually requested to provide information to the Federal entities making a conformity determination and are provided opportunities to comment on the proposed determinations. The public is also provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed determinations.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

- (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The estimated annual projected hour burden and cost for the respondents (generally Federal agencies) are 32,560 hours and \$1,118,119. The estimated annual projected hour burden and cost for the State and local agencies are 1,156 hours and \$323,354. The estimated annual projected hour burden and cost for the EPA are 1,846 hours and \$51,173. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and

maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Guidance for Implementing the 1-Hour Ozone and Pre-Existing PM₁₀ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the EPA has issued guidance for continuing the implementation of the Clean Air Act requirements for the 1-hour ozone and pre-existing PM₁₀ (particles with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometers) NAAQS following EPA's promulgation of the new 8-hour ozone (62 FR 38856, July 18, 1997) and PM (62 FR 38652, July 18, 1997) NAAQS. The EPA has issued the guidance to ensure that momentum is maintained by the States in their current programs while moving toward developing their plans for implementing the new NAAQS, and it applies to all areas now subject to the 1-hour ozone standard and the pre-existing PM₁₀ standard regardless of attainment status. On July 16, 1997 (62 FR 38421, July 18, 1997), President Clinton issued a directive to EPA Administrator Browner on implementation of the new standards for ozone and PM. In that directive, the President laid out a plan on how these new standards, as well as the current 1-hour ozone and pre-existing PM standards, are to be implemented. The guidance reflects the Presidential Directive.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the guidance are available from the World Wide Web site listed in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions and comments on the ozone portion of this guidance, contact

Ms. Sharon Reinders, U.S. EPA, MD-15, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5284; for specific questions and comments on the PM portion of this guidance, contact Ms. Robin Dunkins, U.S. EPA, MD-15, Research Triangle Park NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5335.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this guidance is to set forth EPA's current views on key issues regarding the ongoing programs implemented by State, local and tribal air pollution control agencies to attain the 1-hour ozone and pre-existing PM₁₀ NAAQS. These issues will be addressed in future rulemakings as appropriate. The EPA will propose to take a particular action based in whole or in part on its views of the relevant issues, and the public will have an opportunity to comment on EPA's interpretations during the rulemakings. When EPA issues final rules based on its reviews, those views will be binding on the States, the public, and EPA as a matter of law.

Electronic Availability

A World Wide Web (WWW) site has been developed for overview information on the NAAQS and the ozone, PM, and regional haze (RH) implementation process. The Uniform Resource Location (URL) for the home page of the web site is <http://ttnwww.rtpnc.epa.gov/implement>. For assistance, the TTN Helpline is (919) 541-5384. For those persons without electronic capability, a copy may be obtained from Ms. Tricia Crabtree, MD-15, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, RTP NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5688.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Open Meeting of the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Stakeholders Focus Group

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting of the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Stakeholders Focus Group.

SUMMARY: As required by section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory